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INTRODUCTION

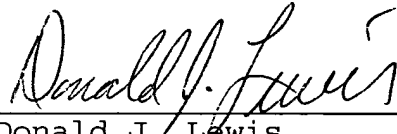
Applicant thanks the Examiner for carefully considering the subject application.

Applicant has cancelled claims 1-7 contained in a foreign application for which Applicant is claiming priority. Further, Applicant has added claims 8-20. Applicant respectfully requests that all pending claims be allowed.

The above identified application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and such allowance is courteously solicited. If any further amendment is necessary to advance prosecution and place this case in allowable condition, the Examiner is courteously requested to contact the undersigned by fax or telephone at the number listed below.

Please charge any cost incurred in the filing of this Amendment, along with any other costs, to Deposit Account 06-1510. If there are insufficient funds in this account, please charge the fees to Deposit Account No. 06-1505. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Donald J. Lewis". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

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